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1. S.S. RUS

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- a. In spite of strenuous efforts on the part of the Dockyard Directorate to get this vessel finished on time, it is now not expected to be completed. This delay is largely caused by the unexpected failure of its newly installed engines to function as anticipated.
- b. The two main diesel engines were uncoupled from the mainshaft and given a trial run, which showed the following weaknesses - two cylinders on the port engine did not work at all; the starboard motor developed a major oil leak, and there was too much play on the engine bed requiring a fresh setting (neue Millimeter Unterlager). The ten workmen from the MAN factory at Augsburg are still in the dockyard and are supervising the repairs to the engines which have been dismantled again and taken out of the ship.
- c. Although the former German degaussing girdle switchboard has been overhauled with new fuses, copper coils, isolators and distributors, and fitted and replaced in the ship, no preparations have been made for the fitting of a degaussing girdle. It was observed that, unlike the switchboard fitted into the ASIA last year, the switchboard now in the RUS has leads for more lines of cable as each switch box has 16 wire leads fitted to it.

2. S.S. SOVIETSKI SOYUZ

Work continues on board this vessel. The engine room is now finished and is ready for the installation of the engines. The lowest hold, whose bulkheads will be of wood, is now being constructed. Work is under way in the construction office of the dockyard on the plan for the fitting of cable and power leads. As yet nothing has been announced regarding the fitting of a degaussing girdle.

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3. S.S. YAKUTIA

Work continues on board. The final plan for the interior of this vessel is still not in the hands of the repair gang working on board. At the moment deck sections are being fitted. In connection with this construction, a plan of the former [] vessel [] (now the SIBIR), which was fitted out in this dockyard [] is being used.

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4. S.S. ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV

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[] this former [] steamer [] came to Warnow-Werft Warnemünde under its own steam with a Russian crew of between 40 and 50 men. The vessel is due for a thorough overhaul as she is very badly in need of repairs. Repair work is at present taking place on her boilers and on the removal of badly damaged cables and power lines. The main switchboard for the de-Gaussing girdle has already been removed. [] The de-Gaussing girdle around the ship has, however, not yet been removed. This girdle appears to be new and is in very good condition.

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5. Minesweepers

a. These vessels are still apparently based at Warnemünde and have been carrying out exercises [] both on sea and in the Breittling between Rostock and Warnemünde. Most of their exercises consist of sailing in pairs some 25 meters apart. No minesweeping equipment has been observed in these manoeuvres.

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b. [] two of these vessels carried out firing practice some three sea miles north of Warnemünde. Firing took place with what appeared to be small calibre guns firing bursts of approximately 15 rounds each time. The bursts appeared to be fired with incendiary ammunition and were aimed up in the air although no target could be seen from the land. When the vessels returned to harbor [], each boat gave the following morse signals with a shutter before entering:

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dot dot dot dash, two minute interval,
dot dash dot dot.

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Some thousand meters off the harbor entrance, one vessel then fired a green signal rocket.

6. Naval motor vessels (KT -- class)

These vessels are still moored close to the shore on the Markgraffenheide side of the main channel close to the former seaplane base. They have been observed carrying out sailing practice with up to four boats travelling abreast between 10 and 15 meters apart. No firing practice or special manoeuvres have been seen.

7. New ways

The two new ways under construction at the southern edge of the dockyard area are expected to be finished []

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